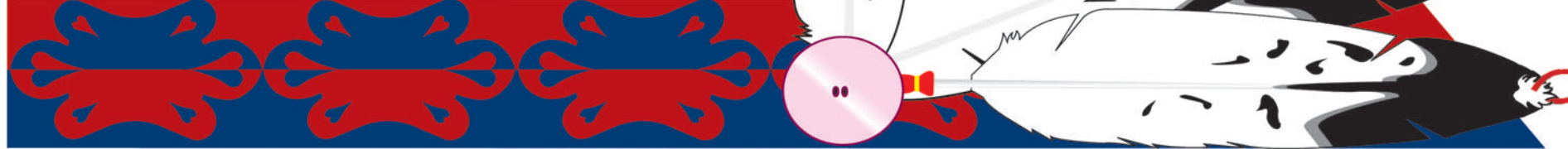


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Kaquatosh pleads guilty to criminal charges

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United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced March 10, 2003 that Kevin Kaquatosh (age 20), a member of the Menominee Tribe, pled guilty in federal court to a two-count criminal indictment for assault causing serious bodily injury, in a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 113(a)(6) and 1153. Each count carries a maximum of ten years incarceration. Kaquatosh is scheduled to be sentenced June 10 by Federal District Court Judge Lynn Adelman.

Kaquatosh pled guilty to charges from two separate offenses which occurred on the Menominee Reservation. On December 31, 2001, according to police reports from the first incident, Kaquatosh struck Marvin Wayka, Jr. in the head two times, causing an open skull fracture, a concussion, and an eight centimeter laceration to his head. Wayka's injuries required reconstructive surgery to repair. The second offense that Kaquatosh pled guilty to charged that he assaulted August Corn, Jr. on January 6, 2002.

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Ingrid Washinawatok honored at University of Minnesota



Submitted Photos/B. Alegria

The University of Minnesota - Minneapolis honored International human rights activist Ingrid Washinawatok El Issa as part of Women's history month. Her sister, Gina Washinawatok, took to the stage to discuss Ingrid's work and legacy. Gina Washinawatok was presented with a pendleton blanket by Marci Hawpetoss and Melissa Buffalo. Pictured in the inset are the Menominee delegation to the honoring ceremony: Tanaes Washinawatok, Gina Washinawatok, Marci Hawpetoss (mc & organizer for the event), Becky Alegria, Karen Washinawatok, and Dave Oshkosh.

Charlotte Caldwell
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On March 6, 2003, the University of Minnesota - Minneapolis campus was the site of an honor ceremony for for three Native American women: Sandra Whitehawk, Jillian Berkland, and Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa.

Ingrid, or O'Peqtaw-Metamoh

(Flying Eagle Woman), was one of three human rights activists killed in Columbia in 1999 where they were assisting the U'wa People to establish a cultural education system for their children and support their continuation of their traditional way of life.

Marci Hawpetoss, event organizer and MC, is a student at the U of M and was instrumental in orchestrating

the day's activities. She is an American Indian Student Cultural Center board member at the University, and daughter of Becky Alegria of Keshena.

Lillian Rice, Ojibwa traditional elder and teacher, conducted a prayer and blessing to open the day.

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New Highway department making steady progress



S. Price/MNN

Pictured above is an updated photo of the new Menominee Highway Department in Keshena that is scheduled to be completed this spring.

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